



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 206**

LCO No. 4659

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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Aging

Introduced by:  
(AGE)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COST SHARING  
GRANT PROGRAM TO ENHANCE THE DEVELOPMENT OF SENIOR  
CENTERS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The Department of Social  
2       Services shall provide financial assistance to a municipality that seeks  
3       to defray the costs incurred to maintain or expand program offerings  
4       at a senior center located within the municipality. The Commissioner  
5       of Social Services shall provide, within available appropriations, grants  
6       to a municipality for programming costs that are incurred by a senior  
7       center located within the municipality. Any municipality seeking a  
8       grant pursuant to this section shall apply to the department, on such  
9       form as the commissioner prescribes, not later than May fifteenth of  
10      the fiscal year prior to the fiscal year for which such grant is requested.  
11      Grants provided to a municipality pursuant to this section shall not  
12      exceed twenty-five thousand dollars. In order to be eligible for a grant,  
13      a municipality shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the  
14      commissioner that such municipality has allocated municipal funds or  
15      secured private funds in an amount equal to or in excess of the  
16      requested grant amount and that such municipal or private funds shall

17 also be used by the municipality for senior center programming costs.  
18 The Commissioner of Social Services may adopt regulations, in  
19 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to  
20 administer the grant program established pursuant to this section.

21 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The sum of one million dollars is  
22 appropriated to the Department of Social Services, from the General  
23 Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, for the purpose of  
24 providing grants to municipalities that shall be used by such  
25 municipalities to help defray the costs of senior center programming.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section

***Statement of Purpose:***

To require the Department of Social Services to establish a program that awards grants to municipalities that seek financial assistance with the costs of senior center programming provided within such municipalities.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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